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SUBJ: RELATIONS WITH PZDNG; PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S PRESS

CONFERENCE IN YAOUNDE AUGUST 15

REF: ABIDJAN 6063 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO FRATERNITY MATIN, SOLE LOCAL NEWSPAPER WHICH IS RUN BY SOLE POLITICAL PARTY IN IVORY COAST, PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN YAOUNDE ON AUGUST 15 EN ROUTE BACK HERE FROM OCAM CONFERENCE IN BANGUI. DURING THE COURSE OF THAT CONFERENCE HE WAS ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "IVORY COAST IS ONE OF THE RARE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAS NOT YET RECOGNIZED COMMUNIST CHINA. CAN YOU GIVE US YOUR EXACT POSITION VIS-A-VIS THIS COUNTRY?" THE PRESIDENT REPLIED, "I HAVE NOT YET RECOGNIZED COMMUNIST CHINA, I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE, MY TURN WILL COME, IT IS A BIG COUNTRY

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THAT NO ONE CAN IGNORE. A DAY WILL COME WHEN WE SHALL NORMALIZE

OUR RELATIONS WITH PEKING, BUT FOR THE MOMENT WE ARE AMONG THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT YET RECOGNIZED IT BUT WE SHALL SURELY RECOGNIZE IT
ONE DAY."

2. COMMENT: THIS CAREFULLY COUCHED REPLY, GIVEN TO THE PRESS IN
A COUNTRY THAT ITSELF HAS RELATIONS WITH PEKING, DOES NOT CHANGE
BASIC CONCLUSIONS REFTEL, ALTHOUGH IT IMPLIES DAY FOR CHANGE MAY
BE CLOSER THAN END OF HOUPHOUET'S PRESIDENCY.

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